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HB2141 is important for Oregon because it brings clarity, ensuring code officials recognize the technical expertise of Commercial Interior Designers while also allowing them to bid on projects requiring a registered design professional. I have been practicing for over 25 years. I currently work at a Community College overseeing the interiors for our capital construction projects and offering general guidance to the college. I often provide space planning services and review existing conditions for code compliance, fire & life safety, and accessibility, to ensure staff, students, and faculty at the college are not creating or existing in dangerous situations. I design spaces that meet regulatory requirements. My education and 25 years of experience have given me the experience to offer these services for the college. There should be a standard in place that recognizes our technical expertise. Anyone can say they can do these things and be hired to do it without the right qualifications. This bill would provide a legal definition of practice for the work we do and are trained for.